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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Prof. Joshua Lederberg
507 Eugenia Avenue
Madison 5, Wisconsin

Dear Prof. Lederberg

I am enclosing the certificate of title covering your 51 Dodge fordor, Motor #D42195246. Under separate cover we are mailing license plates 59/T9907.

With reference to your paying a full years fee for the renewal of registration, it is our understanding that when you move to the State of California, that state will permit you to operate on your Wisconsin plates until they expire which will be November 30, 1959.

We also note that you make some reference to the attitude of some of our driver license examiners. I can assure you that we stress courtesy in the training of our examiners and it is very rarely that we receive any criticism with respect to their attitude in conducting examinations. It must be realized that there are times when individuals appear for their examinations that have a so called chip on their shoulder and naturally this would cause some resentment on the part of the examiner. Also criticism occurs on the part of the individual when he fails the examination which is no fault of the examiner.

With reference to our position in continuing action on the use of seat belts, perhaps our position was not made clear initially. At a recent session of the Wisconsin legislature, an assemblyman requested and received the positive support of our Safety Division which armed him with facts and figures supporting the use of belts. The legislature defeated this bill. The Motor Vehicle Department certainly endorses the use of safety seat belts. We are continually urging public acceptance and use of the belts through every public education channel at our command. You can be sure of the wholehearted

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support of our department should you bring the matter to the attention of the next session of the legislature.

However, I am sure you will agree that legislation of this type to be most effective and equitable to the people of all states must be enacted at the federal level.

If I can furnish you with any further information, do not hesitate to write me.

Very truly yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Melvin O. Larson".

MELVIN O. LARSON
Commissioner

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